

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 620-2380

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

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Organic Compounds Incorporated
1265 W. 16th Street
Long Beach, CA 90813

June 1985

Preparer: Richard Brausch
Toxic Substances Control Division
Southern California Section
(213) 620-2380

History and Problem:

This site has been occupied by Organic Compounds, Incorporated since 1954. Their processes have remained the same since their establishment. They produce soaps, shampoos, and cleaners by mixing raw materials in vats and mixers then package these for resale. The equipment does not require cleaning and all of the product is saleable. They also buy quaternium ammonia in 55 gallon drums and repackage it into small containers.

At this site, they also assemble truck-mounted carpet cleaners. This process produces no wastes either. The franchise was purchased by Rex and Helen Watkins in 1967, and they have owned it through the present.

Recommendation:

No evidence of on-site disposal of hazardous wastes has been found in regulatory agency files. Staff recommends regular inspection by local regulatory agencies. No further action under the Abandoned Site Assessment Program.

A copy of this file will be provided to the City of Long Beach Environmental Health Department.

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Preparer's Name Richard Brausch

Date June 1985

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
1. Site ID Number		CAD 008 365041
2. Site Name	California Department of Health Services (DOHS) Abandoned Site Project (ASP) Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) 01-15-82	Organic Compounds, Inc.
3. Site Location	Same as #2	1265 West 16th Street Long Beach, CA 90813
4. County	Same as #2	Los Angeles County
5. Owner (Address & Telephone No.)	Los Angeles County Tax Assessor (LACTA) 05-15-85	Rex and Helen Watkins 1143 Memory Lane Santa Ana, CA 92706 (213) 437-6334
6. Operator (Address and Telephone No.)	Abandoned Site Assessment Program (ASAP) Driveby 05-31-85	Organic Compounds Inc. 1265 West 16th Street Long Beach, CA 90813 (213) 437-6334
7. Type of Ownership	Same as #5	Private, Corporate
8. Status	Same as #6	Active
9. Source Activity	Phone memo Helen Watkins 06-05-85	Soap and shampoo formulation, manufacturing of truck mounted carpet cleaners

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	SOURCE	INFORMATION
10. Years of Operation	Same as #9	1954-present
11. Facility Type	Same as #9	None documented
12. Waste Type and Description	ASP Survey 4/1/80	detergent

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13. Contacts:

F. Banales, Senior Sanitarian-Long Beach Environmental Health (213) 427-7421

Helen Watkins, Owner - Organic Compounds Inc. (213) 437-6334

14. Incidents:

None documented.

Fire and Explosion ____

Direct Contact ____

15. Inspections (date, type, By whom, recommendations)

01-15-82 ASP Driveby, Petak/Stewart, site status

05-31-85 ASAP Driveby, Brausch/Wood, current operations and cleanliness.

16. Enforcement History (list date, type of action, requirements, outcome)

None documented.

17.a. Initial recommendation for further action:

No evidence of on-site disposal of hazardous wastes has been found in regulatory agency files. Staff recommends regular inspection by local regulatory agencies. No further action under the Abandoned Site Assessment Program. A copy of this file will be provided to the City of Long Beach Environmental Health Department.

17.b. EPA recommendation for further action: *No Further Action. There is no evidence of disposal of haz. waste. Rob Saunders 4/2/86*

18. Response Termination: ☒ No Further Action ☐ Pending ☐ Active

Justification: *There does not appear to be an uncontrolled hazardous waste problem at this site. NEPA under CERCLA is warranted.*

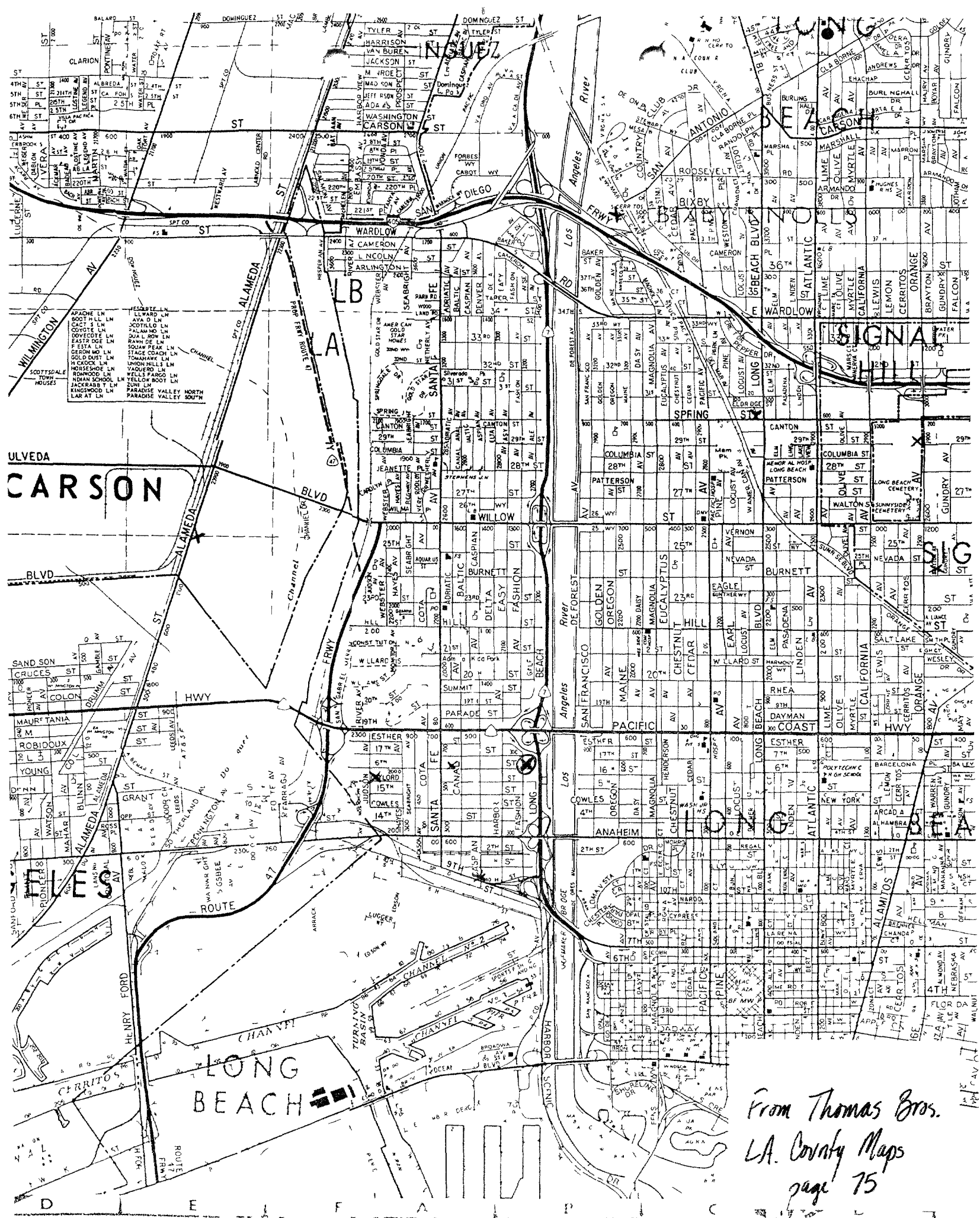
Paul La Conner 6.1.86

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
19. Observed Release		
20. Depth to Aquifer		
21. Net Precipitation Net seas. rainfall Evaporation		
22. Permeability of Unsaturated Zone		
23. Physical State		
24. Containment (Ground Water)		
25. Toxicity		
26. Persistence		
27. Waste Quantity		
28. Ground Water Use		
29. Distance to Well		
30. Population Served (by Ground Water)		

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
31. Facility Slope		
32. 1 yr. 24 hr. rainfall		
33. Distance to Surface Water		
34. Containment (Surface Water)		
35. Surface Water Use		
36. Distance to Sensi- tive Environment		
37. Population Served (by Surface Water)		
38. Distance to Water Intake		
39. Reactivity		
40. Incompatibility		
41. Toxicity (Air)		
42. Population within 4 mile radius		
43. Land Use		

AGENCY CONTACT RECORD

Agency	Contact	Date	Response
STATE DHS ASP	FILE	1-25-85	SWIS FORMS, WASTE SURVEY
LONG BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	FRANK BANCOS SENIOR SANITARIAN 427-7421 X240	2-25-85	THE GENERATOR FILE - NO VIOLATIONS - NO INSPECTIONS
LONG BEACH CITY PLANNING	MICROFICHE	3-1-85	NO FILES FOUND
QUESTIONNAIRE SENT 3-13-85	.		none received
LA County Sanitation	microfiche	4-19-85	no file found
Los Angeles County Tax Assessor	microfiche	5-15-85	current owner info
Regional Water Board			no file found



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Name Organic Compost, Inc
Address 1265 W. 16th St
City, Zip Long Beach 90813

Map # _____
Map coord. _____, _____
SIC _____

SITE DRIVE-BY ("2102")

1. Status a. Active ☒ Inactive () b. Different company () _____
2. Setting a. Urban ☒ Suburban () Rural () b. Residential () Commercial () Industrial ☒ Other () c. Near: RR tracks () Drainage () Freeway ☒ 7 Other () _____
3. Waste a. Group 1 () Group 2 () Group 3 () b. Liquid () Sludge () Solid () Other () c. Undetermined () None visible () _____
4. Waste Containment a. Pond () Sump () Pit () b. Piled () Scattered () c. Drums/Bbls () Pails/Cans () Dumpster () Trash cans () Boxes/Pallets () Bags/Sacks () Tanks () Vehicles () Other () d. To: Ground () Paving () Drain () Other () _____
5. Misc. a. Odors _____ c. Vegetation _____
 b. Topography _____ d. Site observability _____

6. Map A graphic site description. In addition to the above categories, describe/comment on the following: Buildings, Paving, Storage (other than waste materials), Security, Vacant Areas, and Housekeeping. Don't forget to identify streets, landmarks, directions, etc.

Small operation. Right next to residence
Single building of part brick &
part metal. Appears to make cleaning chems
all paved yard

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7. EVALUATION a. Possible abandoned site () c. ASP follow-up () : _____
 b. No problem ("2110") () d. Referral () to: _____

Date 5-31-85
Name P.W. & R.B.
ASAP 5-31-85

From drive-by on 5-31-85 by P.H. & R.H.



View from Lashoe Ave looking east



View from 16th St looking north

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Ramon Petak
Sheldon Stewart

1/15/82

1265 St. 16th St Long Beach

Acme Oil Co.

Organic Compounds Inc

Jackson

1265 St. 16th St

Organic Compounds Inc

Rose Garden
Greenhouse
Private
Home

St → N

Truck loading & unloading area



Large plastic & metal drums

Shipping and receiving
Loading & Unloading Area Paved

High St
Line 88

McClain
Link Drive

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- Industrialized area with some homes
- Appears to have some kind of compounding equipment or premises
- Cloudy appearing run-off into gutter ^{street RGP}
- Large plastic & metal drums, no aging or seeping
- Not able to determine type of waste, if any.
- Immediate area around plant is all paved

ASP

1-15-82 RGP

1265 W. 16th St
90813

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Watkins, Rex H and Helen K
1143 Memory Lane
Santa Ana, CA 92706

sq ft 2440

LACTA 5-15-85

MEMO OF CALL

Name: Helen Watkins, owner Date: 6-5-85
Firm: Organic Compounds, Inc Time: 2:00 pm
Address: 1265 W 16th St Person Taking or Making Call: Rick Brausch
Long Beach, CA 90813
Telephone No.: (213) 437-6339

Subject: Site operations
Message: According to Ms. Watkins, they produce biodegradable soaps & shampoos and also truck mounted carpet cleaners; no wastes are generated. Everything they make is for resale. They do handle quaternary ammonia, for which they are registered with the EPA. Thus they buy in 55 gallon drums and repackage in smaller containers. They mix phosphates and silicates in mixers, one of which is as large as 300 gallons. From there they go into a holding tank, and then packaged. None of this equipment is cleaned, since all of the products are detergents and basically the same ingredients. She has owned the company since 1967, but Organic Compounds Inc has been on the site since 1954.

6-12-85 - I called Ms Watkins back to clarify their equipment cleaning. She stated that after the soaps are mixed, they are bottled, and very little residue remains. The water used in the subsequent batch is enough to break up any residue, and thus residue becomes incorporated into the next batch. She stated that there have been some occasional spills, which could explain the cloudy liquid draining into the gutter.

ASAP 6-5-85